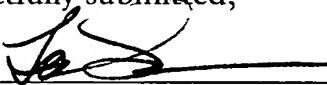


**REMARKS**

Claims 1- 36 and 40-61 have been cancelled and claims 37- 39 are currently pending. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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